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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Parasail Training Support

1. Upon completion of the parasail training on 3 April 1971, it was noted that some improvements and modifications to the existing equipment are required prior to the next scheduled training period in mid-July 1971. The Office of Special Activities (OSA) would appreciate your support in making these modifications and improvements listed below:

A. Fabrication of a new parasail launch platform to replace the existing platform according to the attached drawing. Materials will be purchased and delivered by OSA to your unit at [REDACTED]. In addition to the attached drawing, add the following: radio hatch, pontoon hatch, and cover for student. Specifications will be furnished.

B. Modification of parasail launch vehicle trailer according to specifications and measurements taken by [REDACTED] of your organization.

C. Suggest the following list of discrepancies be corrected in preparation for next training exercise:

(1) Repair of formula bilge pump.

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(2) Repair of port shift control of formula.

(3) Repair or inclusion of inner tube for spare tire on formula trailer.

D. Suggest following items be included in next training exercise:

- (1) Winch handle for formula trailer.
- (2) Bimini top for formula and Boston Whalers.
- (3) Flushing device for formula outdrives.
- (4) Anchor for formula.
- (5) 21" props for formula.
- (6) First-Aid Kit.

2. A weak link in the parasail training equipment is the winch in the tow boat used for the 1200-foot parasail tow line. At the present time the winch must be hand-cranked after the 1200-foot line is payed out. This is very difficult due to overheating of brake drum when the parasail line is let out and must be cooled down with water before the line can be handcranked back on the reel. The process requires approximately fifteen (15) minutes, thus slowing down the training exercise plus being very exhausting to the personnel assigned to the tow boat. Request your assistance and expertise in locating a proper winch to accomplish this operation.

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Chief, Aero Medical Staff
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Attachment

As stated above

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